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SUBJECT: US DEFENSE REVIEW: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE SHOULD PRESS SEEK
USG REACTION TO THE BRITISH DEFENSE REVIEW FOLLOWING ITS
PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENT DECEMBER 3: INITIAL QUERIES
SHOULD BE ANSWERED BY NOTING THAT THE UK HAS NOW PRE-
SENTED ITS REVIEW TO NATO, THAT NATO HAS TAKEN THE UK
PRESENTATION UNDER STUDY, AND THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPRO-
PRIATE FOR US TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THE NATO DISCUSSIONS.

2. IF WE ARE QUIZZED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT PLANNED UK NON-
NATO REDUCTIONS, YOU MAY NOTE IN ADDITION THAT: (A) THE
US APPRECIATES THE EFFORTS THE UK HAS MADE IN DEFENSE,
BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE NATO CONTEXT; (B) THE US RECOG-
NIZES THE SEVERITY OF THE UK'S CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFI-
CULTIES AND APPRECIATES THE FACT THAT THE UK WILL CONTINUE
TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN WESTERN DEFENSE; AND (C) THE
US IS STUDYING THE SPECIFIC BRITISH PROPOSALS.

3. IF ASKED ABOUT THE EXTENT OF US/UK CONSULTATIONS ON
THE REVIEW, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT NATO IS THE PRINCIPAL
FORUM FOR SUCH CONSULTATION BUT THAT, BECAUSE THE REVIEW
HAS BEEN GLOBAL IN SCOPE, WE ARE CONSULTING BILATERALLY
ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. KISSINGER

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